

## SMITH 'PLURALITY' IS HALVED ALREADY

Kellogg Said 300,000, but a Local Committeeman Says 150,000 Will Do.

KNOWS WHY IT IS SURE

Federal Law Guarantees Pure Voting So Tammany Man Is Certain Victor.

Alfred E. Smith's "official" plurality in the coming election is coming down rapidly. It was only a few days ago that state Chairman J. Augustus Kellogg took a flying trip to the metropolis from Syracuse and announced solemnly that Mr. Smith would win by 300,000. Last night after a gathering of the leaders at the headquarters of the Elkus Citizens' Committee it was stated that he would win by 150,000.

In order to reveal their processes of reasoning, one of the members of the committee explained how he reached the 150,000 figure: "Two years ago Gov. Whitman won by 150,000, getting 60 per cent. of the vote outside of Greater New York and being Greater New York by only 15,000. This year Mr. Smith will carry Greater New York by probably 250,000, and Gov. Whitman cannot hope to get more than 25 per cent. of the vote outside the city.

"Mr. Smith will carry all the big cities and the rural vote will be much smaller this year than ever before. There is a very positive and necessary reason for this. Some of the solid backwoods districts that have never had any real Democratic restraint on the wholesale voting of non-existent voters will not do so well this year.

"There is now for the first time a Federal law which makes it a national felony to take part in any fraudulent voting where members of Congress are elected.

"All the up-State counties, no matter how solidly they may be controlled by Republican State and county officials, have United States Attorneys, who are not responsible to the Republican machine. It is expected that some of the old reliables who might risk local prosecution in a Republican stronghold by a Republican District Attorney before a local Republican Judge will be timid about taking a chance of prosecution for election frauds by a United States Attorney before a United States District Judge."

Possibly Judge Kellogg at Syracuse heard how his estimate of 300,000 for his candidate had been ruthlessly cut in half by the politicians in the metropolis and he felt called upon to support his original estimate. Be that as it may, he gravely announced last night that a straw vote taken on a main carrying New York soldiers to Columbus Barracks, Ohio, showed these figures: Smith, 611; Whitman, 42.

"No wonder the Judge feels confident, if he has lieutenants capable of producing such polls," remarked a practical politician reared in the Tammany school.

It is the definite decision of the State committee to have Mr. Smith stick to the schedule of his up-State speaking trip next week so far as the influenza regulations will permit. His first speech was to be made at Binghamton Monday night, but public meetings in halls are banned. So arrangements have been made for a night meeting Monday in Binghamton. Former Ambassador James W. Gerard, Harry C. Walker, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and Miss Helen Todd, New York, will be among the speakers. Tuesday Smith will move on to Ithaca. Later dates are uncertain, subject to influenza conditions. The first campaign speech will be made at the Church of the Ascension in Fifth avenue to-morrow night. The Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant will preside.

In order that the Binghamton folk may not be disappointed Mr. Smith is planning to go there Monday morning. It is possible he may be able to have an outdoor meeting in the afternoon.

The Elkus committee made public a resolution of endorsement of Mr. Smith from the Printed Book Binders Local Union No. 1. A league of real estate organizations for the candidate was formed yesterday, with headquarters in the Flatiron Building. Robert E. Dowling is chairman and Charles S. Noyes vice-chairman.

## GERMANS IN WAR PLANT.

Fifty-three Enemy Aliens Discharged From Sulphur Works.

German enemy aliens are in the employ of several plants in Bayonne, some of which are engaged in war work. It was learned after an investigation by Deputy Marshal Thomas Duffy of Jersey City. Yesterday a number of them employed by the National Sulphur Company were discharged. They will not be permitted to return to the plant and will be paid their wages this afternoon at Police Headquarters in Bayonne. According to Mr. Duffy he found fifty-three enemy aliens working at the plant, but the superintendent, Karl Muller, says there were only thirty-two. He says he was not aware he was violating President Wilson's proclamation by employing German enemy aliens, and agreed not to employ any more.

Mr. Duffy's investigation began when two men living in Brooklyn, who are enemy aliens, asked permission to move to Bayonne to secure work. The request was denied. The sulphur plant is on the Kill van Kull and between the great plants of the Standard and Tide Water Oil companies, who have several hundred immense tanks filled with gasoline, naphtha, kerosene and other explosive products.

## WILSON LAUDS GERRY LAW.

Anti-Bribe Act Much Needed, He Writes.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—In a letter to-day to Senator Gerry (Rhode Island), author of the new law making a Federal offense of bribery in Congressional primaries or elections, President Wilson expressed his satisfaction at signing the measure and said the Department of Justice would use this power to the limit of legitimate exercise.

"I am sorry to say that such a bill was very much needed," the President wrote. "Experience in the last election and in many that preceded it had demonstrated only too clearly the importance of putting the Federal power in commission against the processes of corruption at elections. The Department of Justice will use this power to the utmost limit of legitimate exercise, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your personal connection with the measure."

## OUT OF WORK; ENDS HIS LIFE.

Man With Two Sons in Service Found Dead in Park.

The body of a man, supposed from a State military census card to be John Muller, of 1774 Seventy-fourth street, Brooklyn, was found in the hemlock grove near the Lorillard Mansion, Bronx Park, yesterday by Patrolman Gerkin. There was a bullet wound in the temple. The police believed the case was one of suicide.

Friends of the Muller family said last night that Muller's mind had been affected by lack of employment. One son is with the army and the other is at Pelham Bay, ill with influenza.

## U. S. CHARGE OUSTS POLICE.

St. Louis Chief and Two Captains Are Suspended.

St. Louis, Oct. 18.—Chief of Police William Young, Capt. William C. Hess and John N. Pickett were suspended from the police force by the Board of Police Commissioners to-day on charges preferred by the United States Government. The nature of the charges was withheld. One police sergeant was suspended and two others resigned.

## Two Pinned Under Automobile.

Benton Halladay, giving his address as 365 West Thirtieth street, was arrested yesterday upon the charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated after a machine in which he was proceeding south in Riverside Drive reversed from the roadway at 190th street, struck a tree and was overturned. Halladay was thrown from the machine, and Charles Foster of 102 East 197th street was pinned under the machine. Both men were slightly hurt.

## Nine Hurt in Bridge Crash.

Nine persons were hurt and trolley traffic was interrupted yesterday morning for an hour when two east bound cars collided near the Manhattan anchorage of the Brooklyn Bridge. A Union street car ran into one of the Graham avenue line when the car ahead came to a stop because the trolley pole jumped the wire. One of the passengers, Milton Elin of 83 East 118th street, was taken to the Long Island College Hospital. The others went to their homes.

## WHITMAN STUMPS CITY NEXT WEEK

Influenza Epidemic Up-State Leads Governor to Change Campaign Plans.

Having been obliged to abandon his special up-State trip next week because of the prevalence of influenza, Gov. Whitman has decided to throw himself into the campaign in the metropolitan section for three days at that time. His drive down here was to have been reserved for the last five days of the campaign, but health conditions may have improved so much up State by week after next that he will be able to make some speeches there in the closing days of the fight. Three already have been scheduled.

The State committee is planning to have the Governor speak in New York city Tuesday and Friday. The heads of the various county committees are engaged in preparing a comprehensive schedule. On Thursday the Governor will address a political rally in Yonkers. On October 28 he will be in Schenectady and on the evening of Friday, October 31, will speak both in Albany and Troy.

## Big Vote Up-State Likely.

This is the last day of registration in cities and towns of 5,000 inhabitants and more outside New York city. It is also the last day for non-personal registration. State Chairman Glynn was in touch with various parts of the State on the long distance telephone and received reports that notwithstanding the influenza scare the registration was most satisfactory. Everywhere, he was told, the Republican organization is getting out its vote. Especially are the women coming out in Republican districts.

Among the centres with which the chairman talked were Syracuse, Rochester, Albany, Batavia, Corning and Kingston. The indications are good for a tremendous vote up State, the State chairman thinks. Harry W. Ingram, chairman of the organization in St. Lawrence county, reported that in the first two days there 38,000 voters registered, and that they expected to run this figure up considerably higher yesterday and to-day. According to the Red Book the entire vote in St. Lawrence county in 1916 was only 17,000.

During the week Chairman Glynn has been making a careful analysis of the registration figures for Greater New York. He finds the increase over 1917 much greater in the Republican districts than in the Democratic. In spite of the addition of the women voters there was an increase of only 594 in the home district of President Smith.

## Registration Figures Here.

"An analysis of the registration of New York city, made by men who have closely followed registration figures in preceding years, shows the most satisfactory condition for Republicans," said Chairman Glynn. "In the ten Democratic Assembly districts of the borough of Manhattan the increased registration is 43,880; in the eight Republican districts the increase is 50,473. The increase in the four Socialist districts is 8,481, and in one doubtful district the increase is 2,672.

"In Brooklyn the nine Democratic districts show an increase of 36,854. The eight Republican districts show an increase of 66,394. The three Socialist districts show an increase of 9,451, and in three doubtful districts an increase of 15,825. The districts in The Bronx and Queens where the Republican vote is strongest show the largest registration.

"The registration of the female voters is equally satisfactory. In the eight Republican districts of Manhattan there are 64,541 women registered; in the ten Democratic districts, 53,520; in the so-

cialist districts, 14,371, and in the one doubtful district, 5,038.

"In Brooklyn the registration of women in the nine Democratic districts is 49,325. In the eight Republican districts the increase is 66,394, and in the three Socialist districts is 9,451. In the three doubtful districts, with Republican tendency, the gain is 15,825, thus demonstrating that in Republican districts the percentage of women registering is much larger than in the Democratic districts.

"We have every reason to be well satisfied with the figures of registration in Greater New York.

"Mr. Smith, the Democratic candidate for Governor, resides in the Second Assembly district. The registration last year in that district, when only men were registered, was 9,701, and in 1918, when both men and women registered, is 10,223, or an increase of only 521. The number of women registered in this district is 2,511, the smallest number in any of the twenty-three Assembly districts in the Borough of Manhattan."

The Republican State Committee started an offensive yesterday against the Democratic propaganda that Gov. Whitman has been extravagant because the State budget has gone up. In a statement the committee says:

"The Tammany candidate for Governor says he will save the people's money. He will cut down the taxes, he says. Mr. Smith is a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in New York city. He has a vote on amounts to be raised by taxation."

"The New York city budget for 1919, tentative, shows an increase of \$25,000,000 over the Mitchell administration budget of 1917. If Mr. Smith cannot stop an increasing budget in New York city, how will he be able, if elected, to cut down the State's expenditures?"

## SUFFS ASSAIL WADSWORTH.

Pickets Begin Drive on Senator Who Voted "No."

Special Dispatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The pickets of the National Woman's party, now engaged in an effort to "bring the Senate to its senses," as they express it, today began their series of individual attacks on the thirty-four Senators who voted "No" on the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Senator Wadsworth (N. Y.) was the first "victim" selected for public exhibition. The suffragists appeared at the portal of the Senate office building to-day with a banner bearing the following words:

"Senator Wadsworth's regiment is fighting for democracy abroad."

"Senator Wadsworth left his regiment and is fighting against democracy in the Senate."

"Senator Wadsworth could serve his country better by fighting with his regiment abroad than by fighting women."

The suffragists promise to assail one Senator of the thirty-four each day. Senator Baird (N. J.) is slated for their next blast.

## LOVE WIRE LATE, SHE SUES.

Girl Who Missed Soldier's Proposal Accuses Western Union.

Because of alleged failure to deliver on time a telegram containing a proposal of marriage, Miss Catharine Frey of 284 Duncan avenue, Jersey City, has filed a suit in the Hudson County Circuit Court against the Western Union Telegraph Company for \$20,000 damages. The message was sent August 18 from Camp Quantico, Virginia, by Private Maurice Adler of Company C of the Sixth Battalion of Marines, and read: "If you come to Quantico at once, we can be married by the chaplain to-morrow. Last chance before I leave. Answer immediately. Maurice Adler."

The telegram was received at the company's Jersey City office at 9 o'clock and a messenger was sent to deliver it at 284 Duncan avenue. Miss Frey says she was waiting for a message from Adler but received none until several days after a letter from him arrived which was mailed as he was about to sail.

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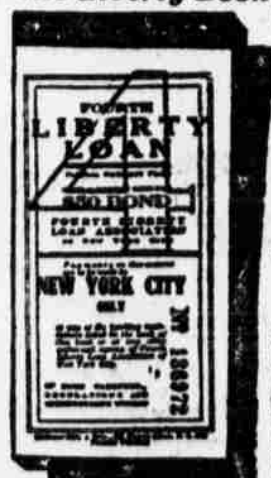
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